



NAPS 2009 POWPM

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Agenda

- What is the Aboriginal JIG
- Current mandate and responsibilities
- Current products and services
- Who are the JIG's clients
- How can you assist the JIG and how can the JIG assist you
- Questions



What is the Aboriginal JIG

- A joint intelligence group consisting of members from CI and NSCI
 - 2 RMs, 3 CMs
- Falls under CI but supports CAPS/NAPS



Current Mandate

- To collect, analyze and disseminate intelligence on tensions and conflicts occurring within Aboriginal communities and their surrounding areas as they may escalate to civil disobedience and unrest
- Includes grievances pertaining to land claims, treaty disputes, environmental issues, economic and sovereignty disputes, internal conflict and social issues

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Current mandate...

- Interested in tension against critical infrastructure
 - Blockades of highways and roads
 - Demonstrations, protests or gatherings concerning energy sector development
- Also interested in conflicts that could lead to blockades, demonstrations or protests
 - Harvest disputes
 - Band council / election disputes
- Primary focus is public safety and build stronger Aboriginal communities

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Current responsibilities

- Subject matter experts for the RCMP
- Provide a national perspective on current issues and assess the volatility that exists within the communities
- Support strategic priority setting for NAPS and CI
- Identify national trends

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Current responsibilities...

- **Identify multijurisdictional links and ties between Aboriginal communities**
 - Convergence of activists and they are travelling across Canada
- **Support V2010 Games and G8 Summit**
- **Continuous liaising within the RCMP and with our partners in government and law enforcement**

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Current products

- **Weekly situation reports**
 - Provides a weekly summary (Wed. to Wed.)
 - Combination of open source and intelligence gathered internally and from external partners
 - Approx. 450 recipients (law enforcement, government and energy/private sector)
 - Highlights situations across Canada and assesses recent developments
 - Depending on classification of information, can be produced at various levels of classification

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Current products...

- **Aboriginal communities public safety special bulletin**
 - Weekly, or as required, situation report concerning a particular event or development that causes some concern to public safety
 - Examples: the CP "Spirit Train" or video posting calling for direct action in support of outstanding First Nation land claims and shows how to shut down railway traffic

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Current products...

■ Annual Aboriginal communities of concern strategic intelligence report

- Prepared every year and is ready every May
- Used to identify communities that are considered highly volatile and examines the current or ongoing issues
- Identifies individuals who are causes of concern to public safety
- Protected B document disseminated to law enforcement only and protected A versions distributed to industry partners

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Current products...

■ Developing situation report

- Used to immediately disseminate information concerning direct action currently taking place
- Sent out via email to limited distribution list consisting of division contacts and senior management at division and HQ level
- Provides brief summary of event and issues, and includes public safety assessment (peaceful or non-peaceful)

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Current services

■ Liaison between internal units

- NSCI
- Divisions

■ Liaison between external law enforcement partners

■ Liaison between government agencies

■ Monitor ongoing and new issues that may escalate

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Aboriginal JIG's clients

- **Primarily focused on CI and NAPS**
- **Other clients include, but not limited to:**
 - NSCI
 - Other RCMP units including V2010
 - CSIS
 - ITAC
 - Municipal police forces
 - Ministry of Natural Resources
 - INAC and other government agencies
 - DND

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How can you assist the Aboriginal JIG

- **Members in the field are the "eyes and ears" of this organization**
 - Protests and demonstrations are not random – they are a result of increased frustration and conflict within the communities
- **Report incidents of escalating frustration and potential conflict to division contacts and the Aboriginal JIG**
- **Provide details on what are the actual issues**

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How can you assist the Aboriginal JIG

- **Report blockades, protests and demonstrations within your areas of concern to the division contacts and the Aboriginal JIG**
 - Many hours spent trying to find information on future protests and demonstrations
- **While at the protests and demonstrations, report the current status and escalating frustration, etc.**

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How can the Aboriginal JIG assist you

- **We have an extensive network of contacts throughout Canada and internationally that we can rely upon for information and assistance**
 - Provide background on individuals who are from outside your community and are operating within it
 - Provide information on activist groups who are promoting Aboriginal issues within your area
 - Quickly disseminate information to our partners who need to know

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How can the Aboriginal JIG assist you...

- **Central repository of Aboriginal issues and conflicts by region and on a national level**
- **Provide accurate picture of division challenges to decision-makers who set priorities and allocate resources**
 - Routinely asked to write BNs, etc.
- **Alleviate some of your workload as we can help identify trends and issues that may impact more than one community**

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How to report information to the JIG

- **Email to Aboriginal JIG resource mailbox**
 - Aboriginal_JIG@rcmp-qrc.gc.ca

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